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MARYLAND TECHNICAL GUIDE
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Purpose. To distribute FY16 Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs) Payment Rate Schedule in Section I and Conservation Activity Plans (Criteria and Templates) in Section III. A Change Notice Register have also been updated

Effective Date. Upon receipt.

Explanation. Section I: Updated FY16 CAP Payment Rates has been posted

Section III: The eFOTG has been updated to include national criteria for the Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs) that are available in MD. Key changes to approved CAPs for FY16 include the following:

- CAP 102, Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan, has been completely revised to match the revised CNMP policy in Title 190, General manual, Part 405. The CAP 102 criteria provides the details on the new format and a detailed list of deliverable to NRCS and the client.
- CAP 104, Nutrient Management, had a minor edit to clarify that a narrative description of rate may only be used for precision rate application.
- CAP 106, Forest Management Plan, had edits to improve clarification on the criteria.
- CAP 128, Agricultural Energy Management Plan, had edits to provide clarification to the criteria and a plan checklist was developed.

Plan CAP Templates: Some CAPs have templates to provide a more direct outline of the essential information that is to be included in the plan. The following CAPs are supported with plan templates:

- Forest Management Plan (106)
- Integrated Pest Management (114)
- Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition (138)
- IPM Herbicide Resistant Weed Conservation (154)

**Filing
Instructions.**

Section I: The FY16 CAP Payment Rates is distributed in electronic format (eFOTG) only. If desired paper copies of the Payment Rates may be downloaded from the eFOTG and filed in Section I-C of the FOTG binder. File the Change Notice and the Change Notice Register in the front of Section I of the Field Office Technical Guide.



Section III: Contents of this section are distributed in electronic format (eFOTG) only. If desired, paper copies of the CAP's may be downloaded from the eFOTG and filed in Section III-E of the FOTG binder.

Distribution. All documents may be downloaded from the MD NRCS eFOTG web page:
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg>

If you have questions concerning the Conservation Activity Plans, please contact Mikel Williams, Farm Bill Program Manager at (443)482-2923 for financial questions or Ramon Ortiz, State Planning Specialist for technical questions at (443) 482-2962.

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Attachments

DIST: Maryland State Technical Committee (Change Notice only)